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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Tiecheng A. Qiao, et al

**RANDOM ARRAY OF MICRO-  
SPHERES FOR THE ANALYSIS OF  
NUCLEIC ACIDS**

Serial No. 10/036,828

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114

- (a) ☐ Previously submitted
- (i) ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on
- (ii) ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- (iii) ☐ Other
- (b) ☒ Enclosed
- (i) ☒ Amendment/Reply
- (ii) ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- (iii) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- (iv) ☒ Other *Terminal Disclaimer*

2. Miscellaneous

- (a) ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) of a period of months.. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months: Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- (b) ☐ Other

3. Fees

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Eastman Kodak Company Deposit Account No. 05-0225.

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4.

- ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e)
- ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR § 1.136 and 1.117)

Respectfully submitted,

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